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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: METAL-COLLECTING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ELUTION AND  
RECOVERY OF METAL FROM METAL-COLLECTING MATERIAL

**SECOND REQUEST**

**STATUS REQUEST**

Honorable Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

The Patent Office is respectfully requested to advise the undersigned of the approximate date a first Official Action will be issued in this Application.

A duplicate of this request and a prepaid return envelope are enclosed for your convenience.

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